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SUBJECT: ANTARCTIC TREATY: NINTH CONSULTATIVE MEETING:
HEAP CHANGES MIND ON REQUEST FOR VISIT

REF: (A) LONDON 11240; (B) SCULLY/SANDBERG TELCON, JULY
7; (C) STATE 152477

1. HAVING HAD TIME TO REFLECT ON THE RESULTS OF THE JULY
6 MONTHLY PREPARATORY, HEAP NOW FEELS THAT IT NOT ESSEN-
TIAL FOR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO VISIT LONDON FOR
DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE
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ON U.S. PROPOSALS AND SNT. HIS CONCERN IS NOW FOCUSED
MORE CLEARLY ON ATTITUDE OF ARGENTINA TOWARD THE SNT. IN
RESPONDING TO OUR COMMENTS BASED ON REF TELCON, HEAP
THANKED US FOR AMBASSADOR BREWSTER'S "VERY GENEROUS OFFER"
TO COME TO LONDON BUT SAID THAT AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERA-
TION, HE THINKS IT BETTER TO LET THINGS SIMMER AND
SUGGESTS THAT TALKS NOW MIGHT BEST BE HELD JUST PRIOR TO

AD HOC CONSULTATIVE.

2. HEAP IS BECOMING "MORE AND MORE AGGRAVATED" WITH ARGENTINE POSITION. DURING DISCUSSIONS WHICH LED TO DRAFTING OF SNT, HEAP MADE IT CLEAR TO ARGENTINE REP CARLOS BLANCO THAT IT WAS A SINGLE "NEGOTIATING" TEXT RATHER THAN A SINGLE "NEGOTIATED" TEXT. HE ADDED THAT THE SNT WAS TO BE CONSIDERED AS CONTRIBUTING TO A PROCESS RATHER THAN THE END PRODUCT OF THAT PROCESS. HE FEELS THAT BLANCO WAS ILL ADVISED TO ARGUE AT NINTH MONTHLY THAT ALL POSSIBLE COMPROMISES HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE AND TO RESERVE HIS POSITION ON FURTHER TALKS. WHILE HEAP FEELS NEW TEXT COULD BE DEVELOPED, HE NOW DOUBTS WHETHER IT WOULD REALLY BE USEFUL TO ISSUE ONE BEFORE THE JULY 25 AD HOC CONSULTATIVE. IN HIS VIEW ANY TEXT PREPARED BEFORE THE MEETING WOULD EITHER MAKE THE ARGENTINES CROSS OR LET THEM THINK THAT THEY HAVE US ON THE RUN.

3. HEAP SUGGESTED THAT AS WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE BASIC POSITIONS, U.S. AND UK MIGHT WORK PRIVATELY SHORTLY BEFORE AND DURING THE OPENING STAGES OF THE AD HOC CONSULTATIVE TO FIND SOME MEANS OF COMPROMISE. LEGAL ADVISOR DAVID ANDERSON, DRAWING ON U.S. CONCERNS EXPRESSED REF C, WILL ATTEMPT TO PREPARE SOMETHING FOR DISCUSSION WITH US AT THAT TIME. THEREFORE, HE PROPOSES THAT AMBASSADOR BREWSTER CONSIDER ARRIVING IN LONDON TWO OR THREE DAYS BEFORE

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THE AD HOC CONSULTATIVE FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH HEAP AND ANDERSON. HEAP IS CONVINCED THAT LITTLE CAN BE DONE PRIOR TO THE AD HOC AND BELIEVES THAT THIS SCENARIO WILL CAUSE THE LEAST INCONVENIENCE TO THE U.S. DELEGATION.

4. COMMENT: FYI ONLY -- HEAP WILL PARTICIPATE ON JULY 12 IN ARGENTINE/UK TALKS IN ROME ON FUTURE OF FALKLAND ISLANDS. HE INTENDS TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR PROCEDURES FOR RECOGNITION OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS INFORMALLY WITH BELTRAMINO AT THE SAME TIME. WE FEEL THIS PUTS A NEW LIGHT ON THE PROCEDURAL ISSUE AND MEANS THAT THERE IS NOW LITTLE REASON FOR ANYONE TO COME FROM THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO HEAP'S VISIT TO ROME. WE ENDORSE, HOWEVER, HIS RECOMMENDATION THAT AT LEAST PART OF THE U.S. DELEGATION ATTEMPT TO ARRIVE IN LONDON ON JULY 22 FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH HEAP AND HIS STAFF OVER THE WEEK-END PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE AD HOC CONSULTATIVE. END FYI ONLY.

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